

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 676

H. D. No. 159

House of Representatives, Feb. 17, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Friend of Etna.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Use of the Babcock Test as Applied
to Samples of Milk and Cream.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section twenty-five of chapter thirty-seven of the revised
2 statutes is hereby amended by adding in the sixth line there-
3 of, immediately after the words "thus ascertained" the fol-
4 lowing: 'but in securing samples of milk and cream for
5 the application of the Babcock test as herein provided the
6 sampling tube or instrument employed shall be not less than
7 one-half inch in diameter, inside measurement,' so that the
8 said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 25. All milk or cream purchased by any person,

2 firm or corporation, for use in or to be resold by any cream-
3 ery in this state, shall be weighed and shall be tested by
4 the Babcock test to ascertain the amount of butter-fat per
5 pound therein contained; and the value of the cream or
6 milk thus purchased shall be determined by the amount of
7 butter-fat per pound as thus ascertained but in securing
8 samples of milk and cream for the application of the Bab-
9 cock test as herein provided the sampling tube or instru-
10 ment employed shall be not less than one-half inch in di-
11 ameter, inside measurement. The test herein provided shall
12 be made by the owners or operators of the creamery pur-
13 chasing as aforesaid; but upon petition in writing, signed
14 by twenty-five per cent or more of the patrons of any
15 creamery and addressed to the commissioner of agriculture,
16 or upon petition in writing signed by the owner or oper-
17 ator of any creamery and addressed to said commissioner,
18 one or more tests shall be made by, or under the direction
19 of said commissioner, and the finding of said commissioner
20 shall be conclusive upon all parties therein concerned; pro-
21 vided, however, that when the total number of patrons of
22 any one creamery exceeds one hundred then the number
23 of petitioners herein required need not exceed thirty. All
24 samples of cream tested by said test shall be weighed and
25 the standard unit for testing shall be eighteen grams.'